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SECURITY INFORMATION

AGENT REPORT

GREIL, Lothar - Alleged Upper Austrian
Contact for German "Stosstrupp" Organization

REPORT OF FINDINGS

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The following information was obtained from Informant 6030 on
30 October 1952.

SUBJECT, formerly a resident of Gmunden, Upper Austria, and now employed by the "Deutsche Soldatenzeitung" newspaper in Munich, Germany, is allegedly acting as a liaison man between the German "Stosstrupp" (Shock Troop organization) and elements in Upper Austria. This organization, which is reputed to be supported by high level American elements, was founded in the Spring of 1951, ostensibly as a bulwark against Communism, by Herbert Herzog, leader of the "Anti-Communist Union", and retired German Army Major Hans Georg Fernau, leader of the Erlangen, Germany "Heimatschutz" (Home Guard). The "Stosstrupp" and "Heimatschutz" were allegedly closely connected with the BdJ (Bund deutscher Jugend - League of German Youth), an organization presently held in official disrepute in Germany for expressing neo-Nazi sentiments and allegedly training its members to employ guerrilla tactics.

A strong "Stosstrupp" group, composed of former members of the SS, SA, German Army Paratroops, and the Nazi Party, is allegedly centered in Munich. SUBJECT is alleged to be utilizing his position with the newspaper as a cover for his activities with this organization. Although Source averred that Erich Kernsyr, a prominent member of the "Gmunden Circle", is a personal friend of Fernau, he was unable to determine the extent of Kernsyr's ties with the German shock organization.

AGENT'S NOTE: The "Deutsche Soldatenzeitung" is published in Austria under the title "Die Vernunft".

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The name files of Sub-Detachment "B", 430th CIC, were examined on 18 November 1952 and found to contain the following information on the personalities mentioned in this report:

There are numerous references to Erich Kernmayr and SUBJECT as members of the "Grunden Circle".

Publication
A/R S/9424, dated 27 February 1951, Der Kreis (The Circle) - Anti-Communist Publication - The owner, publisher and editor of Subject publication is listed as GREIL, Lothar, Altmuenster 14, Land Upper Austria. (Non Eval)

A/R L/26666, dated 4 August 1952, (Eval: C-F-6), Subject: Submit Political Information to German Newspaper, lists GREIL as an member of the staff of the "Deutsche Soldatenzeitung" in Munich.

GA 5848, dated 10 April 1946, Lothar Wolfgang GREIL, 14 February 1914 - Vienna automatic arrest. SUBJECT was SS Unterscharfuhrer in the Waffen-SS. 16 May 1946 he was recommended to be released because of his poor condition due to head wounds suffered during the war, also a heart and malaria. (Non Eval)

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CONFIDENTIAL

West German
Allegedly born in
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After Austria had been taken over by Germany, the official policy of extending German citizenship to all persons born in Germany and apply for West German citizenship. It is stated as a matter of fact that the Austrian wild population who were serving in the former West German Army. All valid applicants and include their will to serve with the future West German Army, when the emergency of time was called up. Detlef Grell, formerly of Landwehr, Major Austrian, was allegedly already received German citizenship and is reportedly residing with his family in Munich, Germany. Grell has also allegedly been ordered to remain in former rank of Landwehr, and has been informed that at the appropriate time, he will be recalled to active duty via postal channels. Detlef Grell, (Munich) was formerly employed in Munich, Germany, as an Executive in the German Government - German Ministry Government. He is also reportedly a German Ministry Government. Detlef Grell and his wife also applied to German Government Ministry Government in the year 1945. Detlef Grell is advised to arrange for the continuous continuation of his Austrian citizenship, and is allegedly being supported by the West German Government Press Department in his endeavor for dual citizenship.

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